

ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

A time recorder having associated intermittent biometric sensor and comparison apparatus is provided. The time recorder comprises a time recording mechanism for recording the presence of a worker, upon entry of a worker specific identifier at the time recording mechanism. A memory circuit is provided for storing records of worker specific biometric reference data, each record being associated with a worker specific identifier. A biometric sensor operates to sense biometric data associated with the worker present at the sensor. An intermittent comparison circuit operates to intermittently compare the sensed biometric data to the biometric reference data associated with the worker specific identifier entered at the time recording mechanism. A printing circuit or video display circuit operates to generate printed indicia representative of the comparison between the sensed biometric data and the biometric reference data associated with the worker specific identifier entered at the time recording mechanism.